

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2103 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 2103 would provide student loan repayment assistance for correctional officers who take junior-level and senior-level courses at Sam Houston State University and fulfill certain other requirements.

Although correctional officers are needed across the state, this bill would limit them to attending only one specified university to achieve the intended benefit.

Furthermore, the state currently funds 19 financial aid programs; five of these are major financial aid programs and the other 14 target small groups of students. If the legislature funds the five major programs adequately, as I set forth in my 2008-2009 budget proposal, then we should not need other programs. It is more cost effective for the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the institutions to administer a few large programs rather than many small programs.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

*Rick Perry*

RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

*Roger Williams*

ROGER WILLIAMS  
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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